



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### AGA KHAN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

- WHEREAS: The Aga Khan is the 49<sup>th</sup> hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims; and
- WHEREAS: July 11, 2017, to July 11, 2018, marks the Diamond Jubilee of the Aga Khan's spiritual leadership of the world's 15 million Shia Ismaili Muslims; and
- WHEREAS: For 60 years, the Aga Khan has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to improving the human condition for the betterment of individuals and the advancement of societies around the world; and
- WHEREAS: As the founder and chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), the Aga Khan has provided care and support to people of all faiths and origins who may face serious health and economic challenges; and
- WHEREAS: Operating in more than 30 countries, including the United States, AKDN offers specialized programs to address economic development, education, health care, culture, and environmental sustainability in communities worldwide; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia and the Aga Khan share a vision of improving the quality of life for all people by promoting early childhood education, planning for the future, and creating opportunities for economic growth; and
- WHEREAS: The Aga Khan continues to inspire members of the Shia Ismaili Muslim community in Georgia to actively contribute to the well-being of all citizens through civic engagement and community service initiatives; and
- WHEREAS: The Aga Khan will celebrate the momentous occasion of his Diamond Jubilee by visiting the State of Georgia during March 13–17, 2018; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia congratulates and extends best wishes to the Aga Khan for his profound vision and leadership over the past 60 years; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby welcome the AGA KHAN to Georgia for his DIAMOND JUBILEE.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Rely*

CHIEF OF STAFF